



**STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services**  
**100 Community Place**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Monday, March 9, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Heather Chapman, Chair  
Eric Ford, Vice Chair  
Kara Aanenson  
Kirsten Andersen  
Diana Barney (phone)  
Jeffrey Breslin (phone)  
Dr. Marone Brown  
Annie Hansen-Combs  
Meredith Miller  
Dr. Elizabeth "Liz" Park (phone)  
Gavin Patashnick  
Janelle Riddick (phone)  
Kimberly Sauer (phone)  
Melanie Shapiro (phone)  
Dr. Jonathan Shepherd  
Dr. Shameka Stanford

**Guests:**

Aaron Prather, Prince George's County Department of Family Services  
Lyrica Welch, Prince George's County Department of Family Services

**Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Staff:**

Jessica Wheeler  
Caryl Gayda  
Bill Harper  
William Jernigan  
Jenny Krabill  
Christopher Miele

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **II. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Ms. Chapman reviewed the consent agenda and listed the items therein: Approval of Minutes (January 2020), Grant Monitoring Subcommittee Report, FY2021 Meeting Schedule. Mr. Patashnick made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Shepherd seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.

## **III. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization Committee Update**

Ms. Wheeler reviewed membership to include term limited members, numerous positions with expiring terms on June 30, 2020, and membership vacancies. Term limited members were asked to recommend their replacements. Ms. Chapman commented that a staggered recruitment plan to allow for a more continuous group. Mr. Patashnick recommended that staff share the OJJD roster with membership descriptions.

2019 meeting attendance is being tabulated and could also result in the removal of additional members who have attended less than 50% of meetings.

A list detailing the membership positions, current, and upcoming vacancies will be provided. All members are asked to assist by considering who in their networks may be appropriate for recommendation.

## **IV. Data Review - Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Compliance Monitoring**

### *Compliance Monitoring Review - Bill Harper*

Mr. Harper completed 62 compliance checks during the reporting period, October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Federal law requires 100 percent of all secure residential facilities to be visited every three years. 95 site visits are scheduled for FY 2020. Mr. Harper will provide the schedule for SAG members who are encouraged to join him on compliance visits. The state incurred 25 violations of the jail removal core requirement in FY 2019. This is a reduction in violations from the previous year and the compliance monitor does not anticipate an increase in violations for the 2020 fiscal cycle. There were no separation or deinstitutionalization of status offender violations for FY 2019. Mr. Harper will continue to keep the SAG members up to date on changes with the new Juvenile Justice Reauthorization Act of 2018.

## *Review of Racial and Ethnic Disparities Data - William Jernigan*

Mr. Jernigan provided SAG members with an overview of recent statewide and local Racial and Ethnic Disparities data. In comparison to FY 18, Maryland's statewide FY 19 Relative Rate Index (RRI) data illustrates significant increases in Referrals to DJS Court/Intake along with Cases involving Secure Detention and shows a decrease in Cases resulting in Secure Confinement and Cases Diverted. Additionally, in Maryland, the overall statewide totals for Referrals, Pre-trial detention and Disposition Commitments has significantly decreased over the last three fiscal years but disparities still exist regardless of the reductions. In February, Mr. Jernigan provided a national webinar to assist States with developing capacity in the community to promote awareness of RED and enhance reduction efforts. Mr. Jernigan will provide the full SAG with the draft outline of the Diversion toolkit to obtain their feedback and take the next steps with developing a RED-focused front-end diversion resource in Maryland.

### **V. Prince George's County School-Based Diversion Program**

Lyrica Welch, Community Planner and Aaron Prather, Diversion Case Manager, both of the Prince George's County Department of Family Services presented on the Prince George's County School-Based Diversion Program. In 2017 the program originated as a pilot at the Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro. The location was chosen based on elevated juvenile arrest data and the assessment that no equitable or systematic diversion processes were in place. Now, automatic referrals are generated for consideration by the program who then determines youth appropriateness for participation. The target population is 25 youth in grades 9-12 who present with misdemeanor offenses. The program utilizes the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) to determine any underlying needs of program participants at intake and 90 day intervals. Care plans are generally 3-6 months in duration and seek to implement required service linkages to community resources. The program maintains healthy relationships with partners and plans to expand the diversion process to all schools in the jurisdiction. For questions or feedback please contact the [Prince George's County Department of Family Services](#).

### **VI. FY 2021 NOFA Update**

The SAG training, *Title II: Guide to a Successful Application* was held on February 19, 2020 and attended by 40 participants representing nonprofits, local and state government agencies, law enforcement, Local Management Boards, and other entities. The three subject areas were racial and ethnic disparities, trauma informed practices, and grant requirements. Positive feedback was received via the training evaluations and we are hopeful the event will yield improved applications.

The FY20201 NOFA and a press release were issued, both will be shared with the SAG directly. Applications are due on March 27, 2020 by 3:00 p.m. Please share this opportunity with your networks. SAG members will be invited to attend a grant training call during the first week of April for guidelines and instructions on how to review applications. The SAG application review session is scheduled for April 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **VII. Roundtable**

Ms. Aanenson shared updates from the Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC) listening sessions, noting that the Vera Institute is preparing a video highlights reel and recurring themes document for use at the April meeting. Members are encouraged to convey areas of concern and policy recommendations to Ms. Chapman, who will convey to the JJRC. Ms. Wheeler shared that the JJRC model is responsive to specific challenges and commented that the SAG could embrace a similar format as an operating framework.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Chapman at 2:33 p.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

May 4, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Note: Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, this meeting will occur via teleconference.